and (b) An advance Plan assistance of Rs. 45 crores and Grant-in-aid of Rs. 15 crores under Border Area Development was provided to Indira Gandhi Nahar Project Rajasthan during the period 1985 —88. As this is only an additionality it is not possible to identify the benefits separately.

Cases of freedom fighters' pension from Rajasthan

45. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of pending pension cases of freedom fighters from Rajasthan, district-wise; and

(b) what steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken to dispose of the pending cases without further delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) As a result of special drive conducted during July-August, 1986, all pending cases from Rajasthan excepting those relating to participation in Arya Samaj Movement in Hyderabad were disposed of and pension sanctioned where acceptable evidence was produced by the applicants. No separate list District-wise in this regard is being maintained. 26 cases of participation in Arya Samaj Movemebnt are pending at present. A Non-Official Screening Committee has been set up to scrutinise such cases.

Amount deposited with loans advanced by nationalised banks in Rajasthan

46. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state what are the details regarding the amounts deposited with and loans advanced by the nationalised banks in Rajasthan during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): The aggregate deposits and gross bank credit of 28 Public Sector Banks in the State of Rajasthan as at the end of December 1984, December, 1985 and December, 1986 are as under:—

(Amount in Rs.Crores)

Year ended	Deposits	credit
Decemher, 1984 .	1563	1088
December, 1985 .	1878	1240
December, 1986 .	2226	1445

Agricultural loans given by the Banks

47. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of agricultural loans granted by the nationalised banks in Rajasthan during the last three years;

(b) whether Government have exempted interest payment on agricultural losses in view of the drought conditions in Rajasthan;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if not what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that the outstanding agricultural advances of the Public Sector Banks in Rajasthan during the last 3 years were as under:

Year	Outstanding Agricultural advances (Rs. in crores)
June 1984 . . .	302
June 1985 . . .	353
June 1986 . . .	417
(Latest available)	

(b) to (d) Instructions have already been issued by Reserve Bank of India to all scheduled commercial banks that in the case of farmers affected by drought for 3 or more years in succession, they may defer recovery of the amounts falling due on account of interest in the current year (July 1987—June 1988) for a period of 2 years or till the next normal years if it occurs earlier. Further no penal interest should be charged in such cases and the interest on the dues postponed should also not be compounded. RBI has further instructed the banks to charge only concessional interest at 10 per cent per annum on short them loans upto Rs. 5000|- in the case of farmers who have suffered 3 or more consecutive droughts and whose loans have been converted|reschedule. These concessions are expected to provide adequate relief in case of farmers affected by drought. There is no proposal to exempt interest as such.

Indo Iran trade

48. SHRI HASHIM RAZA ALLAHABADI ABDI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any discussions have recently been held between Iran and India to boost trade;

(b) if so, what are the details of the discussions held; and

(c) what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Discussions were held at Government and corporate levels with a delegation led by H.E. Mr. Behzad Nabavi, Minister of Heavy Industry Islamic Republic of Iran visited India from 18th to 25th December, 1987.

(b) and (c) Areas of economic technical and industrial cooperation were identified and a number of Memorandum of Understanding were signed between Indian and Iranian companies covering transfer of technology, supply of equipment in sectors such as castings and forgings, machine tools, automative components etc.

Clearance of irrigation project in Andhra Pradesh

49. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA:
PROF. C. LAKSHAMANNA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh requested the Prime Minister on January 27, 1988 for immediate clearance of irrigation projects like the Telugu Ganga the Vamsadhara and the Sriram Sagar left bank canal; and

(b) if so, when the clearance is likely to be accorded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) The projects were discussed. Their clearance can be considered after inter-State concurrence is obtained by Andhra Pradesh Government.

Lathi-charge on advocates in Delhi

50. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a lathi-charge on the advocates in Delhi recently, resulting in a strike by the advocates in Delhi High Court and subordinate Courts; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government against the erring police officials and to institute a judicial inquiry into the lathi-charge?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) According to